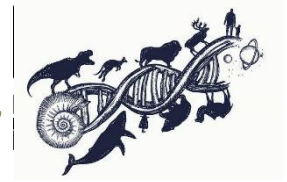


# Term 2 Newsletter

## 'Survival of the Fittest?'



Dear Parents,

We hope you have had a good holiday. This term our topic is 'Survival of the Fittest?' and the children will be learning about the life and research of Charles Darwin. We will be developing our understanding of diary, poetry and descriptive writing. We will be using a variety of texts to support our learning including: 'Darwin's Dragons', Charles Darwin's 'On the Origin of Species' by Anna Brett and 'Amazing Evolution'.

Reading	Please read with your child at least three times a week at home and ensure that their reading record is signed and dated. A member of staff will be checking reading diaries on a Friday.
Spellings	Spelling tests are every Friday, and your child will be tested on the spelling pattern they have learnt about that week. New spellings will be sent out every Monday.
Maths	Maths homework will be set on a Monday and will be expected to have been completed by the Friday of that week. Maths homework for Year 5 will be set on a sheet photocopied for them. Year 6 Maths homework is set in their CGP Arithmetic books.
Times Tables	Each child has a Times Table Rockstars login and should be practising their tables (either on this website or in another way) three times a week at home.
Grammar	Grammar homework will be sent home on a Monday and your child will have two weeks to complete this, due in on the Friday.

### Helping to enrich our topics

It is always great to have items or visitors that support our topic, so if anyone has any experience or items that may help us with any of this term's theme it would enhance the children's learning.

### Useful Websites:

- <https://www.nhm.ac.uk/schools/teaching-resources/key-stage-2/evolution-and-inheritance.html>
- <https://scienceforthekids.wordpress.com/2013/03/12/what-is-evolution/>
- <https://www.theschoolrun.com/what-are-adaptation-and-evolution>
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zvhhvcw>

### Questions you could ask your child about their learning this term:

- Who was Charles Darwin? Why are we learning about him?
- Who was Mary Anning? What were her discoveries?
- What does the term 'evolution' mean?
- Who is David Attenborough?
- Why do Christians believe Jesus was the Messiah?

### Reminders

Please can you make sure your child brings in a water bottle each day with fresh water, ensure all jumpers are labelled and bring a coat to school. Sycamore Class have PE on Tuesday and Wednesday (please send your child in wearing their PE clothes, in line with school policy).

Many thanks for your continued support,  
Mr Cline, Miss Webb and Mrs Taylor.

# Term 2 'Survival of the fittest?' Learning Map

<p><b>Literacy</b></p> 	<p><b>Diary writing</b></p> 	<p><b>Descriptive writing - setting</b></p> 	<p><b>Poetry</b></p> 
<p><b>Maths</b></p> 	<p><b>Fractions</b></p> <p>Equivalent fractions      Addition/subtracting fractions      multiplying/dividing fractions</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div data-bbox="453 506 692 618">  </div> <div data-bbox="756 506 1027 618"> <math display="block">\frac{3}{6} + \frac{2}{6} = \frac{5}{6}</math> </div> <div data-bbox="1082 506 1449 618"> <p>STEP 1      STEP 2      STEP 3</p> <math display="block">\frac{3}{4} \times \frac{2}{5} = \frac{3 \times 2}{4 \times 5} = \frac{6}{20}</math> <p style="text-align: right;">← Simplify?</p> </div> </div>		
<p><b>Science</b></p> 		<p><b>Evolution and Inheritance</b></p>	
<p><b>Art and DT</b></p> 		<p><b>Pencil drawings and landscapes</b></p>	
<p><b>History</b></p> 	<p><b>How have people changed over time?</b></p> 		
<p><b>PSHE</b></p> 		<p><b>Being me in the world- Jigsaw scheme of learning</b></p>	
<p><b>Computing</b></p> 		<p><b>Databases</b></p>	
<p><b>RE</b></p> 		<p><b>Understanding Christianity</b></p> <p>Why do Christians believe Jesus was the Messiah?</p>	
<p><b>French</b></p> 		<p><b>School and Christmas</b></p>	
<p><b>Music</b></p> 		<p><b>Evolution of Music</b></p>	